

BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN

BASIC AND OVERALL PROJECT PURPOSE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 404 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT

BASIC PURPOSE

OVERALL PURPOSE

The purposes of the proposed actions are to achieve the following:

- A. Respond to the applications for incidental take permits for the covered species that authorize take related to:
 - The operation of existing SWP Delta facilities;
 - The construction and operation of facilities and/or improvements for the movement of water entering the Delta from the Sacramento Valley watershed to the existing SWP and CVP pumping plants located in the southern Delta;
 - The implementation of any conservation actions that have the potential to result in take of species that are or may become listed under the ESA, pursuant to the ESA at section 10(a)(1)(B) and its implementing regulations and policies; and
 - The diversion and discharge of water by Mirant LLC for power generation in the western Delta.
- B. Improve the ecosystem of the Delta by:
 - Providing for the conservation and management of covered species through actions within the BDCP Planning Area that will contribute to the recovery of the species;
 - Protecting, restoring, and enhancing certain aquatic, riparian, and associated terrestrial natural communities and ecosystems; and
 - Reducing the adverse effects to certain listed species of diverting water.
- C. Restore and protect the ability of the SWP and CVP to deliver up to full contract amounts, when hydrologic conditions result in the availability of sufficient water, consistent with the requirements of

state and federal law and the terms and conditions of water delivery contracts held by SWP contractors and certain members of San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority, and other existing applicable agreements.

The above Purpose Statement is not intended to imply that increased quantities of water will be delivered under the BDCP. Rather it reflects the intent to advance the co-equal goals set forth in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The above phrase “restore and protect the ability of the SWP and CVP to deliver up to full contract amounts” delineates an upper bound for development of EIR/EIS alternatives, not a target. Alternatives that depict design capacities or operational parameters that would result in deliveries of less than full contract amounts are consistent with this purpose.

BDCP WATER OPERATIONS AND CONVEYANCE CONSERVATION MEASURES

AN ELEMENT OF THE BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN

OVERALL PROJECT PURPOSE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 404 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT

BASIC PURPOSE

Build and operate a new water conveyance structure around the San Francisco Bay Delta Estuary.

OVERALL PURPOSE

The overall purpose of the proposed project is the implementation of the Water Operations and Conveyance Conservation Measures element of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. The water operations and conveyance conservations measures are designed to allow greater flexibility in balancing the needs of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta estuary (Delta) with reliable water supply.

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